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ASC COMMITTEEMEN ELECTION IN DECEMBER

The annual election of ASC community committeemen will be held by mail ballot again this year. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters on November 30, 1956 and must be voted and placed in the mail and postmarked not later than midnight December 7, 1956. The member receiving the highest number of votes will be declared chairman, the second highest vice-chairman, the third highest member and the next two first and second alternate in order of their vote. The community committee chairman will meet the week of December 17 and elect the county committee. The new committees will take office January 1, 1957. We hope all eligible voters will vote for five men of their choice. In New Castle County where there is only one community, the elected community committeemen will automatically become the county committee.

1957 ACP

The 1957 Agricultural Conservation Program will be available to farmers in full swing after January 1, 1957. The county committees will consider applications filed by January 25 first and then each month thereafter as far as their budgets will allow. The 1957 program will be somewhat like the 1956 program with cost-sharing available to farmers for initially establishing or improving a permanent cover of perennial legumes and grasses on land which should be established and kept in permanent cover for soil protection against wind and water erosion; for the use of liming materials where legumes and grasses are used for soil improvement and protection; for establishing and improving a stand of forest trees; for better disposal of water; and, for establishing cover crops for temporary soil protection from wind and water erosion. Farmers should make their 1957 plans early.

CORN REFERENDUM DECEMBER 11, 1956

There is enclosed with this newsletter a new folder entitled "The Corn Referendum." It describes clearly the reason for the referendum. Under the 1938 law as amended, acreage allotments would continue in effect with a price support between 75 and 90 per centum of parity. Under the Agricultural Act of 1956, the farmers are given an opportunity to vote whether they want to continue under the old law where the acreage allotment will vary year by year with a support of 75 to 90 per centum of parity or adopt the Soil Bank base acreage of 51,000,000 acres where they will place at least 15 per centum of their Soil Bank base allotment in Acreage Reserve or an amount of other crop land equal to 15 per centum of their Soil Bank base allotment into Conservation Reserve, in order to be eligible for price support on their corn. Under this regulation the price support will vary anywhere from 0 to 75 per centum of parity like other feed grains such as oats, barley, and rye. Two-thirds of those voting must vote for the Soil Bank base acreage to make it effective. Let your vote be counted on December 11.

1956 ACREAGE RESERVE PROGRAM

Payments to farmers taking part in the 1956 Acreage Reserve program of the Soil Bank total \$202,959,759.75 in 45 states and Puerto Rico reporting through November 9, 1956, was announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Payments to Delaware farmers during the same period amounted to \$278,343.60. Delaware farmers only had corn in Acreage Reserve in 1956. Some other states had both wheat and corn as well as other basic crops.

1957 WINTER WHEAT ACREAGE RESERVE PROGRAM

Wheat farmers in the United States signed agreements placing 10,692,127 acres in the Soil Bank's 1957 winter wheat Acreage Reserve program through November 9. This amount of acreage was pledged in 193,474 agreements signed by farmers. One hundred and one agreements have been signed by Delaware farmers amounting to 2,202 acres.

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